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I think that the settlement contains nothing at all that will constrain Microsoft from their anticompetitive practices. It should be much more restrictive:

>Disallow integration of browser, mail, and other such programs with the operating system.

>Prevent Microsoft from intimidating pricing policies calculated to prevent manufacturers and dealers from selling systems with alternative or no operating systems.

>Separate the software division from the operating system division, as was suggested in the previously proposed settlement, and allow technical merit to govern software use rather than unfair advantage.

As the situation in operating systems now stands, the country is practically in a state that--if it were agriculture it would be termed a monoculture, and this is a dangerous situation. In an agricultural monoculture system, a single germ or virus can wipe out an entire food supply. In this corresponding operating system "monoculture" the recent wave of computer virus plagues have the same cause--it should be noticed that only Microsoft operating systems and programs were both the source and the prey of the virus infections. (Note that as a user of an "alternative" so-called "legacy" system, I have not had a single virus in the past 8 years.)

Please make any settlement reached have some real remedies for the already legally established (and long enduring) criminal monopolistic business practice of the Microsoft Corporation.

Thank you for your efforts to these ends.

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